All About Continents



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The Big Idea

This book describes where the continents and oceans are found in the world.

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading
- Visualize

Comprehension
- Compare and contrast

Phonics
- r-controlled o (for, forests, shores)

Word Study
- Context clues (divides, islands, marks, separate)

Fluency
- Read with phrases

Content Vocabulary
- continent, hemisphere, north, ocean, south

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I need to know these words.

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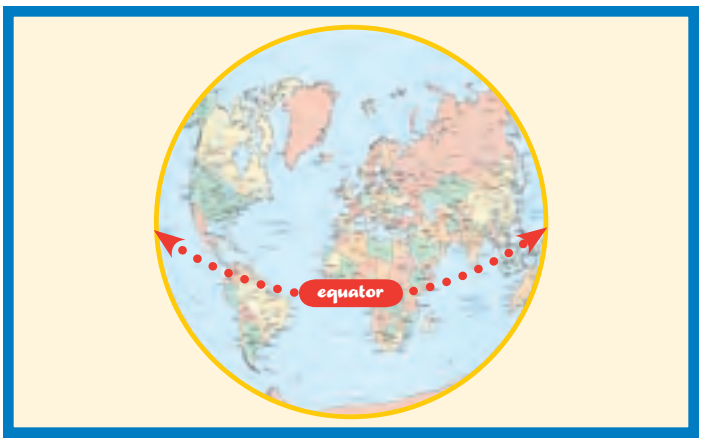
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What Does a Map of Earth Look Like?

Every person lives in one place. This boy lives in one place. This girl lives in another place. The boy and the girl are far away from each other. Where are their lands? How can you find the places where they are?





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You can use a **map** to find them. A map is a picture that shows places. You can find many places on a map.

Look at the map. Each large piece of land is a **continent**. Look at the continents. Name the continents you see.





What Are the Seven Continents?

Africa

Antarctica

Asia

Australia

Europe

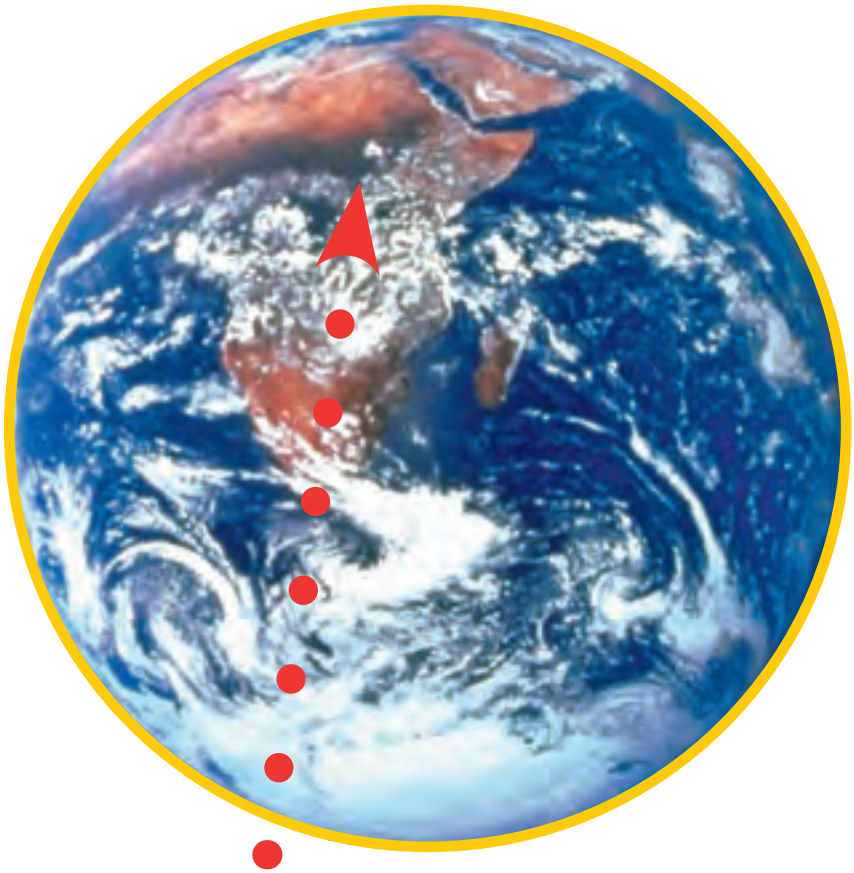
North America

South America

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Where Are the Oceans?

You can see that Earth is round if you look at Earth from space. You can see continents. You can see water, too. Each large body of water is an **ocean**.



▲ You can see the continent of Africa from space.

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Earth is round. A map can be round, too. A **globe** is a round map. Look at the globe. You can see land and water.



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A map shows where oceans are on Earth. The oceans have salt water. Each continent is near an ocean. Some continents are near two oceans.



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Where do you live on Earth? Your continent may be North America. Two oceans are around North America. Can you name those oceans?



What Are the Four Oceans?

Arctic Ocean

Atlantic Ocean

Indian Ocean

Pacific Ocean

◀ **The Pacific Ocean is the largest ocean.**